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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 6, 2007, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 16 and 17 drawn to a backlight.

Applicants therefore withdraw from prosecution in the above-identified application, claims 12-15, 18, 19 and 21-35, drawn to a method of molding plastic, and backlight apparatus, respectively, but reserve herein the right to prosecute such claims in a later filed continuation or divisional applications.

Applicants therefore await consideration and examination of elected claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 16 and 17 and respectfully request consideration on the merits in due course.

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Respectful

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